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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/988,419
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Group Art Unit	3723
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Attorney Docket Number	930015-2006

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under CFR 1.114.

a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on December 19, 2003
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), including Form 1449 and copies of cited references

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to
Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

b. ☒ Check in the amount of **\$385.00** is enclosed for the following:

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 03/15/2004 SFELEKE1 00000035 09988419

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:2801 385.00 OP

iii. ☐ Other _____

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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